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**Dee D. Drell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947  
Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD  
Began Service: May 9, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003).

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Alexandria Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Louisiana Bar Association; Crossroads-American Inns of Court

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**S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952  
Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 12, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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**Patricia Head Minaldi**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958  
Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD  
Began Service: June 16, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

**Chambers of District Judge Patricia Head Minaldi continued****Staff**

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**Tom Stagg**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923  
Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD  
Began Service: 1974  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Legal Practice:** Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove (1949-1954); Senior Partner, Stagg, Cady & Beard (1958-1974)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1946)

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**F. A. Little, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Tulane 1958 BA, 1961 JD  
Began Service: December 4, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Chaffe, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy (1961-1965); Associate, Gold, Little, Simon, Weems & Bruser, Ltd. (1965-1969); President, Gold, Little, Simon, Weems & Bruser, Ltd. (1969-1984)

**Current Memberships:** Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; Judicial Conference Committee on Financial Disclosure; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Louisiana State Law Institute

**Staff**

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**Donald E. Walter**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD  
Began Service: July 15, 1985  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

**Government:** United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Department of Justice (1969-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1958)

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Education: LSU JD  
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**James T. Trimble, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD  
Began Service: September 12, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Mildred E. Methvin**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Tulane 1974 BA; Georgetown 1976 JD  
Began Service: June 13, 1983  
Term Expires: June 13, 2007

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Department of Justice, Jimmy Carter Administration (1979-1981); Staff Attorney, Department of Interior, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1983); Staff Assistant, U.S. Representative Gillis William Long (R-LA), United States House of Representatives (1974-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Gist, Methvin & Trimble (1977-1979)

**Current Memberships:** American Inn of Court of Acadiana; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Louisiana Bar Association

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**Alonzo P. Wilson**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: LSU 1974 JD  
Began Service: December 17, 1991  
Term Expires: December 16, 2007

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice; Associate, Wilson & Walker Law Firm

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**James D. Kirk**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: LSU 1972 BS, 1975 JD  
Began Service: December 15, 1997  
Term Expires: December 2013  
Political Affiliation: Republican



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William A. Culpepper, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit (1975-1976)

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